

S.E. INVESTMENTS,	:	Order Vacating Area Director's
Appellant	:	Decision and Remanding Case
	:	
v.	:	
	:	Docket No. IBIA 98-94-A
BILLINGS AREA DIRECTOR,	:	
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,	:	
Appellee	:	September 18, 1998

This is an appeal from a March 25, 1998, decision of the Billings Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, affirming the award of a lease of Crow Allotments 1956 and 1959 to Dan Schwend.

After Appellant's opening brief was filed, the Area Director asked the Board to vacate his decision and remand this matter to him for reconsideration.

By order dated July 29, 1998, the Board gave the parties an opportunity to respond to the Area Director's request. No responses have been received.

The Area Director has stated that a remand will likely expedite a final resolution of the underlying controversy. The Board sees no reason to doubt the Area Director's perception in this regard.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 C.F.R. § 4.1, the Area Director's March 25, 1998, decision is vacated, and this matter is remanded to him for reconsideration.

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Anita Vogt  
Administrative Judge

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Kathryn A. Lynn  
Chief Administrative Judge